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SUBJECT: HORNER GIVES HIS VIEWS ON SEPARATISM, TRUDEAU AND U.S.
REACTION

1. ALBERTA CONSERVATIVE MP JACK HORNER TOLD THE TORONTO STAR
MARCH 2THAT TRUDEAU'S SPEECH BEFORE THE U.S. CONGRESS WENT SO
WELL BECAUSE AMERICANS, FEARING A SEPARATE QUEBEC OVER WHICH
RUSSIAN COULD HAVE GREAT INFLUENCE, WERE LOOKING FOR STRENGTH
AND REASSURANCE FROM TRUDEAU AND GOT IT.

2. HORNER WAS IN TORONTO TO ADDRESS LOCAL RIDING ASSOCIATION
ON CONFEDERATION. HE TOLD AUDIENCE SOME AMERICANS REALIZE
QUEBEC LACKS TWO VITA ELEMENTS FOR FORMING A COUNTRY TODAY --
FOOD SUPPLY AND SUFFICIENT ENERGY, HE EXPRESSED CONVICTION
THAT LEVESQUE "RATIONAL, SENSIBLE MAN" WHO, IF ALLOWED
SUFFICIENT TIME AND IF HE WORDS HIS REFERENDUM CAREFULLY,
WOULD WIN IT AND TRUDEAU WILL LET HIM. HE CONTINUED THAT
TRUDEAU WOULD BE ANGRY AND DISAPPOINTED BUT WOULD NOT STOP
IT.

3. HORNER ADMITTED BOTH A PERSONAL SPARK OF SEPARATISM
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FOR ALBERTA AND HIS SENSING OF A SEPARATIST MOOD THERE.
HE SAID IT WAS NATURAL THAT SUCH WAS GROWING AND THAT IF THE
PRIME MINISTER GIVES ANY CREDENCE TO A REGION'S ABILITY TO
SEPARATE WITH THE VOTE OF 51PERCENT OF ITS PEOPLE, THEN
THERE WILL BE A HOST OF SUCH REGIONS.

4. TRUDEAU NEEDED THE QUEBEC ISSUE, HORNER SAID, TO REFOCUS

ATTENTION ON HIMSELF. HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE NEXT
FEDERAL ELECTION MUST SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO TRUDEAU "YOU'VE
GOT TO GO."
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